

**ABSTRACT**

A method for transmitting or distributing media information using Handle data structures in e-mail or chat sessions. When a user sends a Handle by e-mail or active chat session to another user, the recipient is able to access the same media the sender accessed over the network. The Handle can be used to govern and limit the use of the media by the recipient, for example subject to payment. Furthermore the present invention can synchronize the rendition of the media at multiple locations for multiple users such that each user experiences the media at the same time regardless of the location.